

**United States Department Of Agriculture**  
**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
**Poultry Programs, Market News Branch**  
**60 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 6M80**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**

**Office:** 404-562-5850      **Fax:** 404-562-5875      **Johnny Freeman:** 404-562-5870  
**Internet:** <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>      **Recording:** 404-562-5856

**July 28, 2000**

**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 29-Jul-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 07/29/00	Previous Week 07/22/00
Bro-Fry	160,427	161,229
Lt Hens	1,809	1,862
Hvy Hens	1,731	1,665

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 22-Jul-2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	332	29	361
Last Week	587	16	603
Same Wk Yr Ago	471	10	481
To Date 2000	14,004	124	14,128
To Date 1999	14,358	192	14,550

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,291	1,638	3,929
Last Week	2,469	1,444	3,913
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,688	1,517	4,205
To Date 2000	70,988	40,759	111,747
To Date 1999	77,204	39,588	116,792

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 22-Jul-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	158,155(A)	1,959	1,609	3,568
Avg Wt	4.92	3.45	8.09	5.54
Last Week	161,559	1,882	1,428	3,310
Same Week Yr Ago	155,059	2,217	1,507	3,724
Avg Wt	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27
To-Date/2000	4,479,024	56,984	40,635	97,619
To-Date/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.1 million head or 2.7 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

### Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending July 15, 2000

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
---	-----------------------------	-------------------------------

Head	30,713	37,156	34,847
Avg Weight	3.73	4.76	5.96
% Of Total /1	30%	36%	34%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,470	35,327	34,107
Avg Weight	3.76	4.80	6.10
% Of Total /1	31%	35%	34%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,806	37,011	34,463
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	6.08
% Of Total /1	30%	36%	34%

To Date/2000	926,240	905,076	1,148,964
To Date/1999	907,672	798,692	1,215,162

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 22-Jul-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young (B) Hens	Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	2,147	2,904	21	10	5,082
Avg Wt	15.71	33.11	22.13	25.64	25.70
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,223	2,925	36	15	5,199
Same Week Yr Ago	4,604 (C)		29	37	4,670
Avg Wt	25.19 (C)		24.31	26.11	25.20
To-Date/2000	132,202 (C)		546	869	133,617
To-Date/1999	135,938 (C)		408	972	137,318
CHECK TOTAL	9,625,215	135,373	91,068	218,095	316,853

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
For Additional Information, Please Call (404) 562-5850.